Uttaranchal as a Tribal Area

263. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to declare Uttaranchal in U.P. as a tribal area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on these requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) This Ministry has not received any request from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to declare Uttaranchal in Uttar Pradesh as a tribal area. However, Shri Bachi Singh Rawat, M.P., had raised this matter under Rule 377 in Lok Sabha on 24.7.96 regarding need to declare Uttaranchal in Uttar Pradesh as tribal area.

(c) and (d) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh have been requested to furnish the factual position and their comments to declare Uttaranchal in U.P. as a tribal Area. The information is still awaited from the State Government. The same will be laid, as and when received on the Table of the House.

आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्गों के लिए योजनाएं

264. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सरकार द्वारा आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्गों के लिए प्रतिवर्ष प्रारम्भ की गई राज्य-वार/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र-वार कल्याण योजनाओं और इनके लिए किए गए आवंटनों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या ऐसी योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन हेतु आवंटित धनराशि का पूर्ण उपयोग नहीं किया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के लिए राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रवार निर्मुक्तियों को दर्शाने वाला ब्यौरा अनुपत्र में दिया गया है। **[देखिए परिशिष्ट 180, अनुपत्र संख्या 7]**

(ख) और (ग) संबंधित राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों से पिछले वर्षों के उपयोग प्रमाण पत्रों के साथ सिफारिशों के प्राप्त हो जाने के पश्चात् निधियां निर्मुक्त की जाती हैं।

Proposal to review and enlarge the 15-Point Programme for Minorities

265. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to review and if necessary, enlarge the 15-point programme for the minorities;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far;

(c) the details of the problems of minorities in relation to education, employment and opportunities for economic betterment; and

(d) the manner in which these problems are proposed to be solved?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) The *Common Minimum Programme* states that the Govt. will review and if necessary, enlarge the 15-Point Programme for the minorities. Accordingly, the 15-Point Programme is under process of review. Meanwhile all measures are taken to improve the monitoring of the programme through Central Ministries and State Govts.

(c) A large action of minority community consisting of Muslims prefer to send their children to Madrasas. The existing educational pattern does not include subjects related to the Physical and Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Their emphasis being on the Arabic language and Theology, it does not